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SENTIMENT IS STRONG

Public Ownership of Electric Lines Takes Well.

The movement for the formation of a Public Utilities District for the taking over of the F. M. Smith electric railroads is moving ahead rapidly. The district is to include Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley, Richmond, San Leandro and Hayward. Washington Township should be included. Our people will have to act quickly if the township is to be included at the inception of the district. Not to make the attempt is to miss one of the best opportunities ever presented to our people. A special meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce should be called to act upon the question at once.

Under the Gates law the unincorporated portion of the county can be included. Whether it would be possible for us to undertake the formation of a district of our own independently as a township without further legislation is a question we have not yet determined. The feasibility of a local system connecting with the present system at Hayward would naturally be enhanced should the present lines pass under municipal control.

It would be infinitely better for us to be included in the larger district. With the proper representation of our section we believe that a favorable consideration will be given it by the rest of the county.

At any rate it will do no harm to advance the idea with all the force we can.

Decoto

The Decoto Chamber of Commerce at their last meeting, Sept. 8, elected two new members, R. C. Kennedy, Jr., and O. F. Trask. One of these gentlemen we know will prove valuable members to the organization. After the order of business was disposed of the members gathered around the tables the committee had prepared for them, to partake of a watermelon feed which was enjoyed by all, after which cigars were passed around and a few short remarks by new members, R. C. Kennedy, Jr., O. F. Trask, Henry May A. Silva and others. After a vote of thanks to the commmmmmmmfmm hktnaahr htram rado aram pamrtf w thanks to the committee the meeting adjourned.

The new ladies club, "The Afternoon with the Bunnies" met with Mrs. Gaber last week.

A four horse team belonging to John Calton started to leave town in a hurry last Tuesday, but one of our old foot ball players proved that he still had some speed left and stopped them on the five yard line.

The Decoto Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank the party for cleaning that portion of the county road east of the S. P. depot. This subject was discussed at the last meeting.

Several of our loyal Californians took in the N. S. G. W. Celebration in Oakland, Sept. 9. All being well paid for their trip.

Tom Silva was in attendance at the I. D. E. S. State Council at Hollister this week.

The Pacific Gas and Electric Co. has completed the installation of an automatic transformer system at the Decoto brick yard. The change is intended to relieve the Mission San Jose line of a part of its load.

The Decoto Chamber of Commerce held a very enjoyable watermelon feed last Monday evening at the conclusion of its business meeting. The Chamber discussed the advisability of another clean up campaign for the streets. It will also ask the Western Pacific to have its 8.50 train from the city stop at Decoto. It is un-
known if the request will be granted.

V. G. Higgins left Wednesday for the State Fair where he will have an exhibit of the Victor Incubator and Brooder which he will demonstrate at the Fair. Mr. Higgins recently sold will be found for both incubators and brooders. The brooder is Mr. Higgins' latest invention and like the incubator is heated by a hot water coil. The lamp is on top of the brooder which is a radical departure from other brooders on the market.

SPLENDID PROGRAM

Will Be Given at Maple Hall, Irvington, to-night.

The entertainment to be given to-night at Maple Hall needs no special mention, for the people of the township remember with great pleasure the one given in Niles in the spring under the direction of Rev. Father Scanlon.

For a second time Father Scanlon, through his wide acquaintance in San Francisco, will favor the people of this section and an entertainment will be given that will indeed be a rare treat. The program will be literary and musical, and although classic in part, a comic opera, "Rose of Anvergne," will be given.

A part of the program will be given by local talent, but the main part will be given by professionals of San Francisco. We wish to emphasize the opportunity that is afforded the people of the section, for the program given in Niles was by far the very finest ever presented in the section.

Following is the program:

High-grade vaudeville program, including comic selections by Mr. James C. O'Donnell; comic opera, "Rose of Anvergne,"—Flusette, Miss Gertrude Norton; Alphonse, Mr. Wm. Ogilvie; Caston, Mr. Jas. C. O'Donnell; sketch, "The Happy Pair," Miss May O'Keefe and Mr. Francis Buckley. Musical and literary selections: Piano solo, Miss Benbow; soprano solo, Miss Ida Benbow; monologue, Miss Mae O'Keefe; contralto solo, Miss Elta O'Brien; fancy dancing, Montague Barton; violin solo and clever specialties, Mr. Spencer. Dancing, refreshments.

Admission, 50c; children, 25c.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP REPRESENTED IN PARADE

Washington township's part in the Admission Day celebration in Oakland was very creditable. Niles Parlor's N. S. G. W.'s float represented the old Mission as it was in its early history and what it will be when restored. This float was very cleverly worked out through the courtesy of the Essanay artist. Members of the parlor, Mr. G. L. Donovan, Mr. Clarence Martenstein, were robed as monks and the float was pronounced by many as one of the most effective in the parade.

Laura Loma Parlor, N. D. G. W., of Niles, was also represented. The ladies rode in the large Essanay auto truck, which had been appropriately trimmed. The ladies were in white and carried red parasols. Laura Loma Parlor can feel distinctly honored, as in the account of the description of the day's doings in the Wednesday's San Francisco Examiner the best position of the page was given to the picture of Miss Margaret Lynch of Niles and sitting beside her was the mascot bear of Stockton Parlor. The members of Washington Parlor, twenty in number, were effective in showing the spirit of '76 and the present time. (The reporter saw the parade in moving pictures on Thursday and had no trouble in recognizing F. T. Hawes in colonial costume and Ed Hawley in the white suit.)

Wisteria Parlor of Alvarado showed local pride in having a fine float of the sugar mills.

The celebration was a marked success and is a credit to the Native Sons of the Golden West who handled it.

The illuminations and decorations were beautiful.

Mrs. Edith Simmons and Mrs. Leon Simmons were visitors in the City this week. They expect to attend the State Fair next week.

Mrs. Harry Searles was hostess at a dinner party the first of the week in honor of Miss Rice, who is a guest at the home of her nephew, Mr. Trask.

Mrs. Clara Peterson of Centerville visited her daughter on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Trask of San Jose were the guests on Sunday of Mr. Fred Trask and family.

Decoto was well represented in Oakland on Admission Day.

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Public Ownership Sentiment Strong

Washington Township People See Great Prospects in Municipal System.

The article in last week's Press favoring the inclusion of Washington Township in the proposed public utilities district for the taking over of the Oakland Traction and Key Route systems struck a popular chord. On every side and in every town in the township many favorable expressions may be heard for the project. Our people recognize the great advantage it will be to have an extension of the electric line from Hayward on through the township.

But it will not be enough that we recognize the value of such an extension. We must proceed quickly to make our wishes known. Already the tentative lines of the proposed district are being drawn and once drawn it will be much more difficult to change them. The very inclusion of our township in such a district will at once give new hope and inspire greater courage for the building up of our most promising township.

There are many reasons why the township should be included in the district. There are reasons that will appeal to both the city and the country end of the township. It is our business to convince the city people of Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda that it is to their best interests that their great back country be brought into close relationship with them and be made an integral and useful part of the great population center that is to be on the east side of the bay.

It takes no great stretch of the imagination to foresee the returns our township will bring to the proposed district from a financial standpoint. At first it may be our agricultural products that will pay the best. In time, however, the population of this township will double and treble. It can and will be one of the finest suburban resident sections of the world. The best argument we have to present to Oakland and the other cities on this question is this: A municipal railroad extended into Washington Township will cement the union of country and city as nothing else can do.

The people of the cities can rest assured that the people of Washington Township will do their share and more than their share toward making such a road a success.

But people of Washington Township, you must act quickly in this matter unless you wish to face another long wait. Events are shaping themselves rapidly. The next few weeks are the weeks when our work should be done. Let us awaken at once to our great opportunity.

Irvington

Dave Cohen, formerly foreman of the Aftergut Dairy Co. at Alvarado, now a prominent broker of San Francisco, accompanied by his wife and son, visited with Ed Hirsch and family on Admission Day.

Frank Leal, a prominent Irvingtonite, returned last week from a five-months visit to Fayal in the Azores Islands. Mr. Leal brought back with him quite a company of people, who have come to make their homes here. Among them are Mr. Leal's nephew, M. Frates, who will locate in Warm Springs; his sister, Mrs. M. E. Bettencourt, and her two sons and a daughter; Joe Bettencourt, wife and three children, who will make Irvington their home, and M. Brie, who will live in Warm Springs. Tony Mello was also a member of the party and will make his home with Joe Leal.

Joseph Silveria and his son-in-law, Thomas Dutra of Turlock, have been the guests of Frank Leal this week.

Morris Brewer of San Francisco was in Irvington for several days this week.

Mrs. Thomas Tierney left Thursday for an extended visit of several months with her mother in Durand, Illinois. She will also visit in Colorado on her way East.

Mrs. Alida Babb spent several days in Oakland the first of the week.

Mrs. A. B. Montross is visiting friends in Los Angeles.

Miss Emma Powell of Oakland was the guest recently of Miss Nellie Jensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey left this week

for Honolulu, where Mr. Bailey is engaged in the insurance business.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blacow of San Diego are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blacow. They returned Tuesday from a trip to Lake County and will leave for San Diego next week.

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Frank L. Huff and family of Mountain View were callers at the Durham home on Sunday. Mr. Huff is a graduate of Washington College and for the past sixteen years has been principal of the Mountain View grammar school.

High school enjoyed a day's vacation on Tuesday.

Mr. Clay Brewer and wife, Martin Knudsen motored to San Jose Sunday evening.

Mr. Elmer and Carl Christensen were in San Jose Sunday.

Newark

There was a good attendance from Newark at the Admission Day celebration in Oakland. The town here seemed practically deserted. Every one has been enthusiastic in praise of the affair and Newark's vote would be one to favor the verdict that the celebration was a splendid success.

Mrs. Craig of San Jose is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Bole.

Mrs. De Salles, a resident of Newark, died suddenly at her home on Sunday

REGISTER HAS PILOT NO. 7

F. M. Unholz of Pleasanton Takes Charge This Week.

The Township Register has another man at the helm, F. M. Unholz, who bought out the Pleasanton Times from Luther M. Rood a few months ago. Just what the policy of the new management will be can hardly be determined from the course of the Times since Mr. Unholz has had charge of it. Although in the field several months the Times has not declared itself on such vital questions as the control of the water supply of the Pleasanton district. The Register under Mr. Rood has been the paid mouthpiece of the Royal Arch and has even taken a stand against the proposed Red Light Abatement Act. Whether it will continue as the organ of these interests under Mr. Unholz remains to be seen. From what few comments the Times under Mr. Unholz has made on the present State administration one would get the opinion that the present State administration was not in particular favor with the Times.

Mr. Unholz makes the seventh pilot for the Register in five years.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING.

The Niles Woman's Club held its first meeting of the new year at Albrae Farm below Irvington, the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cushing under a spreading green arbor on Wednesday afternoon of this week. There were thirty in attendance, the club being honored by the presence of three gentlemen, Mrs. Cushing, Lyndon, MacRae. All made the trip down by carriage and automobile. A bountiful basket lunch was served at 12.30 and the good things greatly enjoyed by all. At its close Mrs. Thane, Pres., of the Club, proposed the following toast: "Our mother club, the Country Club of Washington Township" responded to by Mrs. Hudson, "Niles, Its Past" by Mrs. Mayhew, "Niles, Its Future" by Mrs. Overacker. Witty little speeches were also given by Mr. Henry Tyson and Mrs. Thane.

At 2.00 p. m. after tables had been cleared away the meeting was called to order by the president and the following program given under direction of Mrs. Mayhew, Chairman of the program committee.

Subject, Admission Day.—David Webster's speech in congress against the admission of California as a state and the resources of California—Mrs. G. N. MacRae.

Wm. H. Steward's speech in congress in favor of the admission of California.—Mrs. C. B. Overacker.

Sloat monument at Monterey—Mrs. F. O. Bunting.

Raising of the United States Flag on Fremont Peak—Mrs. M. P. Schofield.

Musical selections by Mrs. H. Cushing.

Six new names were proposed for membership.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25, with Miss E. D. DeCora in Niles.

Centerville

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bell were among the visitors in Oakland Tuesday.

Miss Evelyn Maillot, teacher of violin. Studio at home of Mrs. F. Central Ave., Alameda, Cal.

M. H. Lewis has secured the contract for building a five-room cottage on the May tract for Joseph Luna.

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Washington Parlor of Centerville made a very creditable showing in Oakland on Tuesday. They represented by the costumes the spirit of '76 and the spirit of the present day. There were not so many present from the parlor as were expected.

M. S. Pires is preparing to enlarge the water supply system for the town. It is very essential, as many wells are dry and Mr. Pires will be called upon to supply new territory for domestic purposes.

Tomatoes are being shipped daily in good size shipments.

The funeral was held on Tuesday with interment in the Catholic cemetery in Centerville.

Born—On Wednesday, September 10, in Newark, to Mr. and Mrs. John Nunes, a son.

Mrs. Hudson and little daughter left Thursday for Susanville for a visit with Mr. Hudson, who is employed there.

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PETITION IS LAID OVER

Supervisors Allow Two Weeks For Investigation.

The petition for the formation of the Alameda County Water District will be brought up for consideration by the Board of Supervisors on Monday, September 22. In the meantime the names on the petition will be checked and verified. As there are but four hundred names on the petition and less than two hundred needed, the County Clerk's office should be able to verify the petition in a day's time.

The appearance of Attorney R. M. Fitzgerald before the Board representing the owners of oyster beds and others representing the salt works at Alvarado and asking for time to investigate the matter of forming the proposed district delayed the matter an extra week. Whether or not this is a move inspired by corporate interests to secure delay or oppose the proposed district will be determined in the next few weeks. It would be a matter of surprise if some opposition to the proposed district did not arise. The measure is designed purely to protect the interests of the people of Washington Township. The interests of our people in this matter may not harmonize with the interests of certain corporations, and it would not surprise us if they sought to delay or block the incorporation of the district. Fortunately the law while it gives all parties affected a fair chance to be heard, does not permit of protracted delay. The whole question is now in the hands of the Board of Supervisors. We have every reason to believe that Supervisor Murphy will jealously guard and vigorously promote the interests of the people whom he represents. Under the law the Board is given great power in determining the boundaries of the proposed district. If a contest arises before the Board on the question of including or excluding certain property it will be the duty of our committee to keep a vigilant watch on the proceedings and to present the merits of the proposed district as ably as possible. Supervisor Murphy, upon whom the burden of the fight for the boundaries of the district must rest for the next few weeks, is entitled to and should receive all the support that the committee can give.

Our people are keenly alive to the question. They are watching every move. They are not particularly at ease over the appearance of Lawyer Fitzgerald in the matter, as the firm of Fitzgerald & Abbott had much to do with the framing of the law under which Oakland proceeded to juggle the people of Alvarado into their proposed water district against their will.

We trust that when the matter comes up before the Board on September 22, Washington Township will send a big delegation there to watch the proceedings.

ESSEX LUMBER COMPANY MAKING IMPROVEMENT

The Essex Lumber Co., at Decoto has closed down for two weeks during which time quite a number of improvements will be made about the plant.

A Rees blower system will be installed which will makem the work more inviting as it will do away with most of the system's dust and thamm mma mos of the saw dust.

The company is also putting in several new machines of awafmt wofam eral new machines which will call for a number of extra hands.

During the past few weeks the company has received a large consignment of cedar which surely indicates that it means business.

The company has now entered upon its second year. It has been a great

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express to the many friends our sincere appreciation of their kindly acts and their sympathy and for the beautiful floral offerings at the death of our dear mother.

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The Calaveras Dam

a Serious Menace

While our people are patiently waiting for the organization of our county water district, the Spring Valley Water Company is busy at work assembling the materials and crowding the work on the Calaveras dam. San Francisco is getting ready to begin condemnation proceedings against the Spring Valley Co. It is generally understood, and in fact openly declared by the San Francisco officials, that the building of the Calaveras dam is necessary in order to prevent a water famine during the 1915 exposition. It is taken for granted that the company will proceed with the work regardless of the condemnation proceedings and the company has the support of the city administration in the project. It will be interesting to our people to know that even the Peoples Water Co. looks favorably on the building of the dam as it expects, according to a report of its engineer, Mr. Adams, a few years ago, to be able to secure water from the Spring Valley Company in case the dam is built and its own supply runs short.

Another point that our people must bear in mind is that the Calaveras dam will be too high up in the hills to be made a part of the Hetch Hetchy system. If the Spring Valley is allowed to build it and retain the flood waters that drain into it then it will mean that just so much more of our water supply will go into the hands of a private corporation. If the City of San Francisco is allowed to secure that supply and use it regardless of the interests of our section then it will be permanently lost to us unless San Francisco voluntarily sees fit to relinquish it.

There is only one other way apparently for San Francisco to secure a temporary additional supply pending the building of the Hetch Hetchy system and that is to develop the underground supply of its own peninsula. That there is a considerable number of people in San Francisco opposed to the purchase of the Alameda Creek watershed is a fact. They are strong advocates of the Hetch Hetchy system but are as strongly opposed to the purchase of Spring Valley as the people of Oakland are to the purchase of the Peoples Water Co. They will undoubtedly oppose the purchase of the Spring Valley system and will insist on the people's money being spent on the bringing in of a new supply. Their arguments will be strengthened by the recent action of the city in voting so strongly in favor of building a street railroad system of their own.

It can readily be seen that the building of the Calaveras dam is an extremely important factor to the Spring Valley Water Co., to the Peoples Water Co., to the officials in San Francisco who are willing that the city buy out the Spring Valley, and also to the people in Oakland who see in the Calaveras dam supply a bolster to the fading supply of the Peoples Water Co.

With such a powerful array of corporate and municipal interests against the interests of Washington Township it ought to be apparent that only a united township and a firm and determined stand on the part of our people will enable us to protect the future security of our district. It is absolutely essential that our water district be formed without delay that we may have the strength and the means by which to fight off the menace of this dam.

Once our district is formed and a board of directors elected who can act officially to fight for the interests of our district our people will be in a position to test out the right of either the Spring Valley or the City of San Francisco to build that dam.

We are continually being asked what the local Water Committee intends to do to stop the building of the Calaveras dam. All we can say is that the Water Committee is doing all in its power to place the people of the township in a position to defend their rights in a sure and effective way. The organization of the water district is the first and most important step. When that is accomplished our people will be in a position to undertake a defense that shall not cease until the water supply question of the Alameda Creek watershed is finally settled.

The people of Washington Township are entering upon a fight upon the issue of which depends their future prosperity. They should present a united front. They should lay aside all past petty differences and gladly accept sincere co-operation from any source. They should put the seal of approval on those who take the right stand and they should be as quick to condemn those who covertly or openly lend aid and comfort to the enemy. We can afford to be generous in our approbation but we must be keenly active and alert for the safe issue of the rights of our people.

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School Tax Controversy

The conflict that has arisen this year between the Board of Supervisors and the city officials of Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda over the school tax levy is doubtless due to the fact that next year we are to have an election for county officers. The Board of Supervisors wish to have the county tax rate show up as low as possible. The city officials are anxious to keep their rate down as much as possible. A high city tax rate is not a good advertisement even for such a progressive city as Oakland. On the other hand a high county tax rate is not a good thing for the county administration with the voters of the cities.

It seems to us that the Board of Supervisors who must bear the brunt of criticism for a high county tax rate are absolutely right in refusing to be made the "goat" for Oakland or Berkeley or Alameda.

A glance at the question shows the weakness of Oakland's position. It is asking the Board to levy a county school tax to be collected in Oakland by the county and the money turned over to the City of Oakland to run its elementary schools. In other words the county tax in Oakland is really a city tax in the county's name. To the Oakland taxpayer who does not understand or who does not look into the matter the total county tax rate is measured alongside of the city tax rate. If the actual county rate is 88 cents and the Oakland school tax say of 30 cents is added to it the Oakland taxpayer sees only the total county tax of \$1.18. Now if at the same time the city tax rate is, say \$2.74, instead of \$3.04, it enables the Oakland people to advertise a \$2.74 rate when it really is a \$3.04 rate that they are paying. 1.18 along side of \$2.74 doesn't look so bad for the city end as 88 cents along side of \$3.04. Then again the county Board has been greatly criticized for its extravagance by Oakland taxpayers and some of the people who know better permit the higher county rate swelled by the Oakland school tax to prejudice the Oakland voters and this encourages a great deal of unwarranted criticism that Oakland is doing so much for the county, building and keeping up its roads, etc.

The tax rate in Oakland is very high, and if it can be made to appear lower by having a part of it collected in the disguise of a county tax it helps to delude the unthinking and to save the faces of those responsible for the high city rate. Oakland has been going into debt fast and has done great things, but it must pay for it. The high tax rate is undoubtedly temporary. As the city grows and the present improvements are completed it will come down. Just now, however, it is embarrassing and will probably wreck the political fortunes of those responsible for it. They can not be blamed for trying to save their faces. On the other hand they can not expect the county politicians to offer themselves as a sacrifice.

In the meantime the courts will decide who has most successfully "passed the buck."

WILL KNOWLAND AND HIS FRIENDS SUPPORT HENEY?

According to the Washington correspondent of the San Francisco Star the Progressives are dividing already into two classes. A faction headed by Gifford Pinchot, Congressman

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SPORTS

NILES DEFEATS BURNS' COLTS

Shamrocks Win Sunday's Game by Score of 11 to 2

Once more a city team assays to crush the mighty Shamrocks and once more they awake to find that these teams have fairly good reputations in their respective localities, but it makes no difference to the Shamrocks. Their late performances indicate that they are fond of destroying reputations, the bigger the better.

Everybody on the Niles team with the exception of Robinson and Sheehan hit the ball around very much as they pleased. On the other hand Dolan was stingy in the matter of hits, only six hits being glommed from his delivery. It is worthy to note that Dolan has won eighteen out of twenty-two starts has season which is certainly a very good showing. The score was 11 to 2.

Centerville Rugby Defeats Mission High School, 11 to 0

Centerville won a well played game from Mission High school of San Francisco last Saturday on the Centerville gridiron. The first half resulted in a tie score of 0 to 0, with Centerville gradually in the ascendancy when time was called. By a series of steady rushes Centerville pushed the ball dangerously near the goal line, and Mission was saved for the time being. During the second half Centerville was not to be denied. Geo. (14) caught a fly marking the ball and thus entitling him to a free kick. Tharkel (16) placed the ball between the goal posts for the first 3 points. Buchardi (14) made the first try and Tharkel converted netting 5 more points. Myers (14) made the next and last try of the game netting 3 more points. Tharkel failed to convert.

The score at the end of the game stood 11 to 0 in Centerville's favor.

The victory places Centerville on an equal rating with their opponents from the city. Their team is practically the same team which won the football championship of the C. A. C. A. S. the last two consecutive years. Much praise for their superior ability is due to the efficient coaching of Mr. Scott in the past. Mr. Scott played the game in Southern Africa and certainly knows the game from a to z.

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The Decoto Jr. defeated the Warm Springs nine by a close and exciting game of 2 to 0. Meyers of Decoto was too much for Warm Springs, who struck out 13 men and allowed only two hits.

Marks was found in a few innings and was removed while Thurkel took his place in the box and struck out eight in four innings.

Decoto earned one run in the first inning and one in the lucky seventh, while Warm Springs earned 9 goose eggs.

Smith and Meyers did all the stick work for Decoto, Smith batting 1.000 and Meyers .666. Costo also hit a Texas, scoring Meyers in the seventh, while Silva repeated the same act, but not scoring any run.

The score:

	W	A	R	M	S	P	R	I	N	G	S
Escobar, 1b.....	4	0	0	12	0	0					
Gunner, 2b.....	4	0	1	2	3	1					
Marks, p, 3b.....	4	0	0	0	2	0					
Thurkel, 3b, p.....	4	0	0	0	0	0					
Eddie, ss.....	4	0	0	1	1	1					
Leal, cf.....	4	0	0	1	0	0					
Brown, lf.....	4	0	1	0	0	0					
Maderos, rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0					
Lazarus, c.....	3	0	0	11	1	1					

Totals34 0 2 27 7 3

DECOTO, JR.

	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Costa, ss.....	4	0	1	1	2	2		
May, cf.....	4	0	0	2	0	0		
Pemintel 3b.....	4	1	0	2	1	0		
Smith, c.....	4	0	3	13	2	0		
Neves, 2b.....	4	0	0	1	2	1		
Silva, lf.....	4	0	0	8	0	0		
Borgh, rf.....	4	0	1	0	0	0		
Mello, lf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0		
Meyers, p.....	4	1	2	0	4	0		

Totals36 2 7 27 11 3

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SCORE BY INNINGS.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Decoto1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—2

Base hits1 0 0 2 1 1 2 0—7

Warm Springs0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0

Base hits0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0—2

One run and 4 hits off Marks in 5

innings. Three hits and 1 run off

Thurkel in 4 innings. Struck out, by

Marks 3, by Thurkel 8, by Meyers 13.

First base on called balls, off

Marks 1, off Thurkel 1, off Meyers 2.

Hit by pitched ball, Mello. Time of

game, 1 hour 15 minutes. Umpire, Joe Biff.

Alvarado.

Mrs. Dees and Miss Annie Lowrie

returned on Sunday from Eccles,

where they have been for the past

two weeks.

Mrs. Perry and daughter of New-

ark visited at the Davilla home on

Wednesday.

Miss Dorothy Ford returned on

Saturday from Lone, where she has

been visiting for the past two

months with her grandmother.

Mrs. Bailhache entertained the

Birthday Club of Alvarado at her

home in Fitchburg on Wednesday of

last week.

The Ladies' Aid held the regular

meeting on Wednesday at the home

of Mrs. August May.

Alvarado was well represented in

Oakland on Tuesday. Wisteria Par-

lor had a float representing the sugar

mill.

Mrs. Tainton is entertaining Mrs.

Chase and daughter, Miss Ruth, of

San Jose.

Mrs. E. M. Foley is entertaining

friends from San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt of Pasadena are

visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robie. They

were former Newark residents.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Sr.,

Argas.

Mr. Jacinto has been enjoying a

two weeks' visit with his folks in

spent Wednesday in the city.

Mrs. P. Rose spent Wednesday in

Hayward with her mother, Mrs.

Sacramento.

Mrs. Larson of Oakland visited

with her son Fred on Monday.

Miss Grace Swall of San Jose is

the guest of her grand-aunt and

uncle, Mrs. and Mr. E. A. Richmond,

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NOTES ON THE GAME

Newark will most likely play a game with the Barney Torankels to-morrow. Last Sunday's game resulted in a victory for Newark by the score of 11 to 5. The Mavericks put up agood game but they were outclassed by the superior ability of the Tigers.

Manager D'Estrelia has arranged a game with the fast San Rafael team at San Rafael to-morrow. San Rafael has one of the strongest teams on the coast and is expected to win. The train will leave the Western Pacific station at Niles at 8:55 a. m. and will return at 7:00 p. m. A special round trip rate will be in force. Everybody is invited to accompany the team to San Rafael. The railroad rate will be \$1.50 round trip.

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Notice of Hearing of Petition for Incorporation of Alameda County Water District.

NOTICE is hereby given that a petition for the incorporation of the Alameda County Water District has been signed by the necessary number of registered voters within said proposed district, and that said petition will be presented to the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, said county being the county in which said proposed water district is located, at the regular meeting of said Board on Monday, the 8th day of September, 1913, at the office of said Board in the County courthouse in the City of Oakland, said county, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and that at said time and place said petition will be considered and all persons interested therein may then appear and be heard. The number of signers of said petition is Four Hundred (400) and the text of said petition with the names of five of the persons signing the same is as follows:

PETITION

FOR THE INCORPORATION OF ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA:

THE UNDERSIGNED, all of whom are qualified electors of the County of Alameda, State of California, residing within the boundaries of the proposed county water district hereinafter described, do hereby represent to and petition your Honorable Board as follows, to-wit:

That your petitioners desire the incorporation and organization of a county water district to be composed of all that portion of the County of Alameda, State of California, situate, lying and being within the following described boundaries (which are the proposed boundaries of said proposed county water district) to-wit:

Commencing at a point where the center line of the County Road leading from Niles to Hayward intersects the northerly line of the right of way of the Central Pacific Railroad at the town of Niles, Alameda County, California; said point of commencement being 275 feet, more or less, in a northerly direction from the northerly corner of the stone foundation of the Old Vallejo Mill, as it now exists; thence along the center line of the County Road running from Niles to Hayward, in a northerly, westerly and northwesterly direction, to the intersection of said center line with the center line of County Road number 556, if produced (County Road Number 556 being that County Road which commences at the Mountain Road, from Niles to Hayward, and running in a westerly direction at or near the northerly part of the town of Decoto); thence along the center line of said County Road Number 556, if produced, to the southwesterly line of the Mountain Road from Niles to Hayward; thence along the center line of County Road Number 556 in a westerly, southwesterly and northwesterly direction to the intersection with a line described as follows: commencing at the intersection of the center line of County Road Number 314 with the northerly boundary line of Washington Township, thence southeasterly in a direct line to the most western corner of Lot 4, as said lot is delineated and so designated upon that certain map entitled "Map of the Baker Tract, near Alvarado, Alameda Co., California," and filed in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, May 4, 1895, in Map Book No. 17, at page 66; thence, from the point of intersection of the center line of County Road Number 556 with the line above described, along the latter line to the most western corner of Lot 4 in the Baker Tract, also as above described; thence along a line running due west to the western boundary line of Alameda County; thence in a general southeasterly and easterly direction along said boundary line of Alameda County to a sandstone monument near the channel of Coyote Creek, said monument being distant 3/4 of one mile, more or less, from the point of intersection of the center line of County Road Number 556 with the southerly boundary line of Alameda County; thence in a northerly direction along the boundary line of Alameda County to its intersection with the westerly line of Rancho del Agua Caliente; thence in a northerly, northerly and easterly direction along said boundary line of said Rancho, to the intersection of said boundary line with the easterly boundary line of the right of way of the Central Pacific Railroad; thence in a northerly direction in a straight line, to a point in the center of County Road Number 2548, said point being at an angle in the road, and distant 1 1/3 miles, more or less, measured along the road, in a westerly direction, from the road running from Mission San Jose to Warm Springs, and 1 1/2 miles, more or less, in a southeasterly direction, from the County Road Number 398, at the town of Irvington; thence from said point at angle in County Road Number 2548, along center line of said County Road in a northwesterly direction to the intersection with the southerly line of County Road Number 398 (the latter being the road running from Irvington to Mission San Jose); thence diagonally across County Road Number 398, in a westerly direction to the intersection of the northerly line of County Road Number 398 with the center line of County Road Number 1008; thence in a northerly and northeasterly direction along the center line of County Road Number 1008 to the southwesterly line of the County Road running from Niles to Mission San Jose; thence continuing along the center line of County Road Number 1008, if produced, to the center line of the above mentioned County Road running from Niles to Mission San Jose; thence in a northwesterly direction to a point which is distant, along a line bearing South 45 degrees West, 5,500 feet from the intersection of the westerly line of the County Road running from Niles to Mission San Jose with the center line of the road running from the above mentioned road in a southwesterly direction to Centerville; thence in a northwesterly direction in a straight line, to a point on the County Road Bridge, known as "the Clark Bridge," on County Road Number 247, or the Niles Canyon Road, said point being located on the center line of County Road Number 247 and half way between the easterly and westerly concrete piers of the above mentioned bridge; thence in a southwesterly direction along the center line of County Road Number 247 to the intersection of said center line with the center line of the County Road known as "Vallejo Street," near Niles; thence in a northwesterly direction along the center line of Vallejo Street, and across the right of way of the Central Pacific Railroad to the point of commencement.

That all of the undersigned subscribers to this petition are qualified electors of the County of Alameda, State of California, within the boundaries hereinbefore set forth.

WHEREFORE, your petitioners pray that said proposed county water district, with the above described boundaries, be incorporated under the provisions of and in conformity with that certain act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled, "An act to provide for the incorporation and organization and management of county water districts, and to provide for the acquisition of water rights or construction thereby of waterworks and for the acquisition of all property necessary therefor, and also to provide for the distribution and sale of water by said districts," approved June 10, 1913, and designated as Chapter 592 of the Chaptered Laws of 1913.

Your petitioners further pray that said proposed county water district be named "Alameda County Water District," and that your Honorable Board, upon the filing of this petition, order your Clerk to cause the text thereof to be published as required by said act and that a day certain be fixed when such petition will be heard and considered by your Honorable Board and that notice thereof be published and all things done in all respects as required by said act.

H. H. PATTERSON
T. D. WITHERLY
HUGH E. MOSHER
MANUEL OLIVEIRA
W. B. KIRK

A. A. BITTENCOURT
E. H. STEVENSON
F. M. NOYA
ALBERT SILVA
J. E. WAMSLEY

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of the Act of June 10, 1913, (Chapter 592 of the laws of 1913) and is endorsed by a committee appointed for that purpose by the persons interested in the incorporation of said water district and is signed by the Chairman and Secretary of that committee, they being duly authorized so to do.

COMMITTEE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT.

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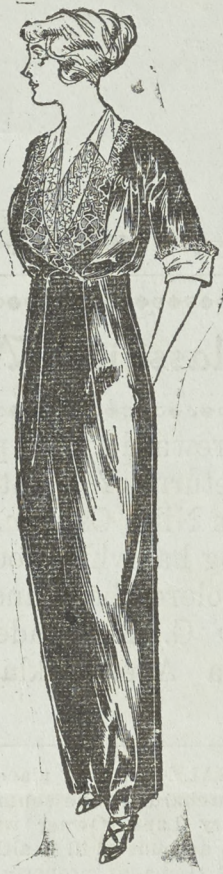
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Niles Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Rabjahu of Oakland and little daughter visited friend over the week-end.

Mrs. H. R. Hunt left for Pacific Grove on Monday of last week where she was to take a cottage for a couple of weeks. Her sons Ronald and Harry joined her last week and later Mr. and Mrs. Mosher will go down for a few days visit.

Mr. Harry Mosher of Oakland and family are spending the month of Sept. at Carmel.

Mrs. W. H. Ford is learning to drive her new Studebaker automobile. It is a beautiful machine, enclosed of the Sedan type, and dark blue color with upholstering in dark blue broad cloth. Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Clough will no doubt spend many happy hours touring our roads when Mrs. Ford becomes an accomplished driver.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wade of San Francisco spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shinn.

Mr. Locke, former constructor of the Niles bridge, was at the Belvoir a few days ago.

Mrs. H. G. Parsons of Bakersfield spent Saturday and Sunday last with the Chittenden families.

Miss Ruth Ellis visited last week with her aunt, Mrs. P. A. Ellis.

Miss Grace Ellis returned last week from a pleasant vacation spent with her brother Austin and other relatives in and about Auburn, Placer County.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crosby have taken up their abode at Belvoir for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Crosby spent the last year at The Key Route Inn in Oakland.

Mrs. Vernon Jones of Lodi spent last Wednesday in Niles and Centerville visiting friends.

Mrs. H. B. Ellsworth has been visiting this week with her children in Oakland.

The Misses Hlen, Florence and Marie Sharpe formed a little theatre party entertained by Mr. Channing in Oakland last Saturday, followed by a cosy dinner at Hotel Oakland.

Mr. Jack Crooks with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Stevenson and son Waite of Oakland and Mrs. Elma Salz Allen of Stockton, were recent guests at the Belvoir.

Rev. Mr. Wilbur preached his first sermon to the congregation assembled last Sunday morning in the Niles Congregational Church. His words being filled with earnestness and spiritual influence. Mr. Wilbur comes to us from Oregon on a three month's trial before final acceptance of the call as pastor of the church.

Trinity Guild will hold its regular meeting in Guild Hall next Wednesday.

Mrs. Clarence Martenstein is welcomed again among her Niles friends having returned from her visit to her former Eastern home in Butler, Penn.

Messrs. Vieux and Bonner are busy doing electric wiring work in Livermore.

Those who attended the Native Sons Celebration in Oakland last Tuesday spoke in flattering terms of the appearance of the Niles Parlor of Native Sons and of the beautiful appearance in the line of March of the replica building of Mission San Jose so generously furnished by the Essanay Co.

Mr. Clark of the California Nursery with his family is now occupying minutes of last meeting by from Mr. Geo. Sullivan. Niles residents are glad to welcome Mrs. Clark's return.

Miss Mabel Clark and Mr. Richard Hunt have gone to Fresno to assume their new duties in the High School of that city, under Mr. Liddeke our former principal.

The Ladies Guild of the Congregational Church met last Wednesday afternoon in the Guild Hall rooms of the church with 22 ladies in attendance.

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ance. In the absence of Mrs. Higley, president, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Ford, vice-pres. Reading of minutes to last meeting by the Secretary, approved. Mrs. Dassel of the visiting committee reported a number of calls made. The members were asked to set the date for the annual Bazaar some time in Dec. A communication was received from the Woman's Home Missionary Board of the Pacific. Miss DeCora was appointed to decorate the church for Sunday services for the coming month. Mrs. Barnard and Mrs. Baldwin entertained for the day serving light refreshments.

The heat of the past week has been somewhat oppressive, the mercury hovering in the 90's and reaching 97 on Wednesday.

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Mr. Frank Griffin of Irvington was in Niles the last of the week.

Mrs. Ben Chadbourne was a caller in Irvington Saturday.

Miss Mollie Myers was visiting the bay cities on Saturday.

Mr. Hill spent Saturday and Sunday in the City.

Mrs. Alberg was in the City Monday.

Alfalfa hay loose in field, ready now. Alfalfa horse pasture after Sept. 20.—Adv.

Mrs. Joe Roderick, Mrs. Walter Richards, Leslie Cummings and Mrs. Fred Nelson and daughter, Myrtle, spent Thursday in Santa Cruz.

Mr. and Mrs. Podda of San Francisco visited I. Richards over Sunday.

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Lillie Roderick visited friends in Warm Springs over Sunday.

Miss Grace Ellis returned home Sunday after a trip camping with friends near Auburn.

Miss Minnie Anderson spent Tuesday in Irvington.

Mr. Oliver and wife, Fred Nelson and wife and Miss Myrtle McPherson motored to Oakland Monday evening to see the N. S. G. W. parade.

Mrs. Ed. Roderick called on friends in Niles Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haik and little son Glenn visited friends in San Francisco last Sunday.

Mrs. Mina Tucker of Waterford is visiting her mother Mrs. R. L. Chase of Niles for a few days, and then will leave for Oregon where she will live for awhile.

Mrs. Joseph Secada and son Edward and Miss Edna Bliss are out camping in the canyon.

Walter and Lorene Tomford have returned from Hayward where they visited their father.

The Niles school was closed on Monday and Tuesday on account of the Admission Day celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. McClelland and family spent the week end in San Francisco.

Mr. Daily visited in San Francisco over Sunday.

Frank Mendoza spent the week end and the holiday with Chris Runkel in Berkeley.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda.

In the matter of the estate of Francisco G. Pereira, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administratrix of the estate of said deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice to the said administratrix at the law office of Jno. G. Mattos, Jr., in Centerville, County of Alameda, California, which said office the undersigned selected as her place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Francisco G. Pereira, deceased.

ANNA AZEVEDO,
Administratrix of the estate of Francisco G. Pereira, Deceased.
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